

August 4, 2020

Dear SECC Parents and Guardians

We want to welcome you to the 2020/2021 school year. As we all know, this year is going to look a lot different than those in the past. We are asking for your help and cooperation as we navigate the new school year. It is very important to respect and follow these guidelines if we hope to remain open this year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out. We are here to help everyone remain healthy.

The staff are required to wear masks, and it helps to talk to your child and let them know that their teacher will be wearing one. Children 5th grade and up will be required to wear a mask at school. We will be discussing masks with children at the beginning of school, and talking about how they help keep us safe. We will let kids practice wearing them if they want (children older than 2).

The following procedures will be done every day.

1. Drop off and pick up will occur on the playgrounds at your child's classroom door. We will have staggered drop off and pick up times. Please try your best to follow those times and adhere to social distancing with other parents. Masks will be required for anyone over the age of 10.
2. At the door, a teacher will greet you and take your child's temperature. If your child has a temperature, they will be evaluated by the nurse and possibly sent home.
3. The door is where you will say goodbye to your child. We understand that this will be difficult for some families, but we cannot allow families in the classrooms.
4. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE THE FOLLOWING:**
  - a. Temperature 100.4 or greater
  - b. Sore throat
  - c. New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing
  - d. Diarrhea, vomiting or abdominal pain
  - e. New onset of severe headache, especially with fever
5. If a child is sent home with any of these symptoms, you will need to have a doctor's note to return to school. **No exceptions.** We understand this is difficult, but the local doctors' offices and public health know this and will try to evaluate your child as soon as possible. If you do not have a local doctor, please speak with Lindsay, school nurse and she will help you find a provider to evaluate your child.
6. If you or your child or a close family member is waiting for results on a COVID test, please do not send your child to school until that test is negative.
7. **DO NOT** send your child to school with anything personal, including backpacks. Bring a few changes of clothes to be kept at school. This will keep clutter in the classrooms and cubbies to a minimum. We understand that children will need jackets and winter clothes as the weather gets colder.
8. At pick up, please get your child at your scheduled pick up time. Your child will be brought to the door by the teacher and released. Please remember your mask.

Please let us know if you have questions. Looking forward to a healthy and successful year!

Nurse Lindsay